



Michigan *Office of the Auditor General* REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

Henry Ford Community College

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Henry Ford Community College is a public, two-year institution of higher education accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The College was established in 1938 and currently offers courses at its campus and two other locations in Dearborn. The College operates under the authority of Sections 389.1 - 389.195 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, commonly known as the Community College Act of 1966, and Sections 380.1601 - 380.1607 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, commonly known as the Michigan School Code.

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of the College's admissions and monitoring practices to help students successfully complete their classes and programs.

Audit Conclusion:

The College's admissions and monitoring practices were somewhat effective in helping students successfully complete their classes and programs.

Reportable Condition:

The College did not monitor students' academic achievement to ensure that all students received academic support services as needed (Finding 1).

Noteworthy Accomplishments:

The College developed Advanced Pathways in Educational Career Excellence, an award-winning program, to enable students to progress from high school to Henry Ford Community College with educational options in engineering, technical, and skilled trades in the energy field. According to the College, since

Advanced Pathways' inception in 2002, more than 1,000 students from more than 20 high schools have participated.

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of the College's efforts to evaluate the quality of its educational programs.

Audit Conclusion:

The College's efforts to evaluate the quality of its educational programs were effective. Our report does not include any reportable conditions related to this audit objective.

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the College's use of educational program resources.

Audit Conclusion:

The College was generally effective and efficient in its use of educational program resources.

Reportable Condition:

The College generally did not monitor repetitive course enrollments and withdrawals and identify and counsel those students not making satisfactory academic progress. In addition, the College had not developed a formal written policy that addressed repetitive course enrollments and withdrawals and their impact on student academic progress and the College's efficient use of resources. (Finding 2)

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of the College's methods for allocating operating and service costs to self-liquidating auxiliary activities and programs.

Audit Conclusion:

The College's methods for allocating operating and service costs to self-liquidating auxiliary activities and programs were effective. Our report does not include any reportable conditions related to this audit objective.

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Agency Response:

The audit report includes 2 findings and 3 corresponding recommendations. The agency preliminary response indicated that the College partially agrees with one finding and disagrees with the other finding.

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